

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
Town of Newfields
New Hampshire



For the Year Ending
January 31, 1918

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Annual Report

OF THE

Town and School Officers

OF THE

Town of Newfields

New Hampshire

FOR THE

Financial Year Ending January 31, 1918

AND

Vital Statistics for the Year Ending
December 31, 1917

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Town Officers

Moderator

CHRISTOPHER A. POLLARD

Town Treasurer

EUGENE C. PATRIDGE

Tax Collector

J. LEWIS COE

Auditor

HERBERT W. SMITH

Selectmen

H. G. ATWOOD

G. H. TARLTON

J. FORREST HAYDEN

Supervisors

GEORGE L. CHASE

T. RUSSELL SHEEHY

DANIEL J. LYNCH

Highway Agents

JESSE S. GRAY

FRANK P. NEAL

OSCAR C. BEAN

Library Trustees

HARRIETT A. PAUL BESSIE O. POLLARD
ALBERT H. VARNEY

Trustees of Trust Funds

FRANK P. NEAL CHRISTOPHER J. O'LEARY
DANIEL J. LYNCH

School Board

CHRISTOPHER A. POLLARD, ALFRED CONNOR,
ALICE J. PATRIDGE

Superintendent

MARO S. BROOKS

Board of Health

ALBERT H. VARNEY

Fire Wardens

ALFRED CONNER PERLEY R. BEAN
J. E. FOWLER F. P. NEAL

Town Warrant

[L. S.] THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

*To the Inhabitants of the Town of Newfields, in the
County of Rockingham, in said State, Qualified to
Vote in Town Affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at town office in said town on Tuesday, the 12th day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.

3. To choose one trustee of trust funds for three years.

4. To elect one delegate to the Constitutional Convention.

5. To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$125 to be used in coöperation with the state for the suppression of the Pine Blister.

6. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this sixteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighteen.

H. G. ATWOOD,
GEORGE H. TARLTON,
J. FORREST HAYDEN,
Selectmen.

VALUATION AND APPROPRIATIONS.

VALUATION APRIL 1, 1917.

123 Polls	
Real estate	\$181,134.00
46 horses	5,525.00
80 cows	3,595.00
10 neat stock	340.00
Fowl	235.00
9 vehicles	1,650.00
Bank stock	3,912.00
Money on hand	7,303.00
Stock in trade	4,550.00
Machinery	1,475.00
Portable mill	50.00
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	\$209,769.00

APPROPRIATION.

Amount of money raised	\$4,651.14
Rate of taxation, \$2.10 per \$100.	

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

Amount of 1916 taxes uncollected	\$155.44
Interest collected	2.00
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	\$157.44
Cash to treasurer	149.44
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Amount uncollected January 31, 1918	\$8.00
Amount of 1917 taxes submitted for collection	\$4,651.14
Amount of 1917 school taxes submitted for collection	42.30
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	\$4,693.44

Cash to treasurer	\$4,112.99	
Cash to treasurer, school tax.....	42.30	
Amount of discounts.....	342.64	
Amount of abatements.....	4.00	
	<hr/>	\$4,501.93

Amount uncollected Jan. 31, 1918..... \$191.51

J. LEWIS COE,
Collector.

Newfields, N. H., Jan. 31, 1918.

ABATEMENTS, 1917 TAXES.

George W. Kendall.....	\$2.00	
Ernest Neal	2.00	
	<hr/>	\$4.00

Approved by

H. G. ATWOOD,
G. H. TARLTON,
J. FORREST HAYDEN,
Selectmen of Newfields.

Examined and found correct.

H. W. SMITH,
Auditor.

February 12, 1918.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

March 31, 1918.

LIABILITIES.

Dog license money	\$32.40
Notes of Hannah S. Pike.....	700.00
Notes of Geo. H. Tarlton.....	500.00
Note of E. C. Patridge.....	500.00
Balance of library unexpended.....	31.00
Balance in town treasury for 1918 state road..	66.28
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	\$1,829.68

ASSETS.

Uncollected taxes for 1916	\$8.00
Uncollected taxes for 1917.....	191.51
Cash on hand.....	862.77
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	\$1,062.28

H. G. ATWOOD,
G. H. TARLTON,
J. FORREST HAYDEN,
Selectmen of Newfields.

BUDGET FOR 1918.

Estimated Payments.

Town officers and expenses.....	\$350.00
Election and registration expenses.....	50.00
Town office expenses	10.00
Police department	25.00
Fire department	15.00
Health department	20.00
State aid maintenance.....	260.00

Town maintenance	\$524.42
State aid construction	704.75
Street lights	600.00
Libraries	100.00
Town poor	350.00
Memorial Day	25.00
Cemeteries	35.00
Interest	63.00
Payments on notes	200.00
State taxes	512.00
County taxes	664.70
Tax discounts	340.00

\$4,848.87

Less estimated receipts

2,210.75

Amount to be raised by taxes.....

\$2,638.12

Estimated Receipts.

From State, insurance tax	\$19.50
Railroad tax	1,086.00
Savings bank tax	584.00
State aid maintenance	130.00
State aid construction.....	391.25

\$2,210.75

SCHOOL BUDGET.

Estimated Receipts.

Dog tax	\$35.00
Literary fund	61.20
School fund	525.00
By taxes	3,250.00

\$3,871.20

Estimated Payments.

Dog tax	\$32.40
School fund from state.....	525.00
Literary fund	61.20
Raised by taxes	3,250.00
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	\$3,868.60

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK OF DOG LICENSES
FOR 1917.

Male dogs licensed, 16.....	\$32.00
Female dogs licensed, 1.....	5.00
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	\$37.00
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Town clerk's fees	\$2.60
Paid dog constable.....	2.00
Paid town treasurer	32.40
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	\$37.00

A. C. THOMPSON,
Town Clerk.

Newfields, N. H., January 31, 1918.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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Received from:	
C. W. Palmer, balance on hand Feb. 15, 1917	\$195.73
Thomas Sheehy, fire extinguishers	6.50
J. L. Parker, county treasurer, county account,	262.12
Fred Thompson, lot No. 61, Junction cemetery,	20.00
E. C. Patridge, note of town.	500.00
H. G. Atwood, bequest of C. W. Palmer.	100.00
Edgar F. Gray, lot No. 33, Junction cemetery,	20.00
John W. Plummer, state treasurer, state maintenance	174.99
John W. Plummer, state treasurer, insurance tax	19.50
John W. Plummer, state treasurer, railroad tax	1,086.55
John W. Plummer, state treasurer, Savings Bank tax	584.96
John W. Plummer, state treasurer, literary fund	61.20
John W. Plummer, state treasurer, school fund	407.50
John W. Plummer, state treasurer, highway tax	292.48
A. C. Thompson, town clerk, dog tax.	32.40
A. C. Thompson, town clerk, election fee.	1.00
Edna H. Paul, librarian, library fines.	1.09
Union Five Cent Savings Bank, account of tax sale of Owen property	36.10
Union Five Cent Savings Bank, interest on sale of Owen property	2.40
J. Lewis Coe, tax collector, 1916 taxes.	149.44
J. Lewis Coe, tax collector, 1917 taxes.	4,155.29
Stuart Everett Rowe, county treasurer.	751.61
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	\$8,860.86

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Paid Town officers' salaries	\$226.14
Town officers' expenses	121.45
Election and registration expenses	10.00
Town office expenses	8.31
Police department	26.75
Fire department	12.57
Health department	13.00
Vital statistics	4.25
State aid maintenance	350.05
Town maintenance	693.94
Street lights	600.00
Public library	122.06
Town poor	328.42
County poor	751.61
Memorial Day expenses	22.93
Cemeteries	33.63
<i>Trust</i> Forest fund payment	100.00
Tax on Owen property bid in by town....	36.10
Interest on notes	90.97
State aid, construction of highways.....	538.20
Payment on temporary loan, Newmarket National Bank	500.00
Schools	2,296.10
State tax	544.00
County tax	567.61
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	\$7,998.09
Cash on hand to balance	862.77
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	\$8,860.86

E. C. PATRIDGE,
Treasurer.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

TOWN OFFICER'S SALARIES.

George H. Tarlton, settling 1916 account	\$2.50
George H. Tarlton, selectman, 1917 account	27.00
J. F. Hayden, selectman	20.00
H. G. Atwood, selectman	30.00
A. C. Thompson, town clerk	27.00
E. C. Patridge, treasurer	45.00
C. A. Pollard, moderator	6.00
J. Lewis Coe, tax collector	64.57
H. W. Smith, auditor	4.00
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	\$226.14

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES.

G. H. Tarlton, expense to Exeter	\$1.20
Paid John Templeton, town reports	61.50
The Baker Agency, trustees bond	2.00
The E. C. Eastman, tax books	2.90
The E. C. Eastman Company, town record books	20.05
A. C. Thompson, supplies and postage	9.25
Portsmouth Trust Company, safety deposit box	4.00
Mary W. Tarlton, copying inventory	5.00
H. G. Atwood, car fare, postage and telephone ..	5.50
J. L. Coe, tax bills and postage	4.95
P. R. Bean, repairing road machine	6.00
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	\$121.45

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION.

J. E. Fowler, ballot clerk	\$2.50
Edward King, ballot clerk	2.50
J. E. Robinson, ballot clerk	2.50
J. L. Coe, ballot clerk	2.50
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	\$10.00

TOWN HALL EXPENSES.

Electric bulbs	\$4.76
J. E. Fowler, janitor	3.55
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	\$8.31

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Police badge	\$0.75
Albert Hanscomb, watching, July 4	2.00
J. E. Robinson, watching, July 4	2.00
M. Donovan, watching, July 4	2.00
J. S. Gray, police	10.00
W. Pease, police	10.00
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	\$26.75

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

J. E. Gould and Company, soda	\$3.22
J. E. Fowler, charging chemicals	2.25
Express on soda .....	.25
A. C. Thompson, use of team .....	.85
J. E. Robinson, watching fire	2.00
P. R. Bean, cleaning up by hose house	3.00
J. E. Fowler, charging chemicals	1.00
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	\$12.57

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

A. H. Varney, health officer	\$12.00
C. E. Lyons, burying dog	1.00
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	\$13.00

VITAL STATISTICS.

A. C. Thompson, town clerk, return births, marriages and deaths	\$4.25
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ROADS.

State Aid maintenance	\$350.05
Town maintenance, district No. 1	450.89
Town maintenance, district No. 2	105.20
Town maintenance district No. 3	137.85
State Aid construction	538.20
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	\$1,582.14
Street lighting	\$600.00

LIBRARIES.

Balance of money unexpended	\$53.06
Appropriation, 1917	100.00
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	\$153.06
Paid out T. J. Connor, fitting wood	\$0.65
D. R. Smith, wood	8.50
J. E. Robinson, sawing wood	1.50
Edna H. Paul, librarian	50.00
Mitchell & Company, books	25.01
Mitchell & Company, books	25.04

Paid out H. M. Patridge, janitor	\$5.10
Stuart MacDonald, janitor	4.50
American Express Company, express on books	1.76
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	\$122.06
Balance on hand	\$31.00

CHARITIES.

Support of town poor	\$156.42
Care of Hugh Kelley children	172.00
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	\$328.42
Support of county poor	751.61
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	\$1,080.03

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES.

Memorial day expenses	\$22.93
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PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES.

F. P. Neal, mowing Piscassic cemetery	\$8.00
C. A. Pollard, mowing Junction cemetery	25.63
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	\$33.63

PAID TO TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS.

Bequest of Charles W. Palmer for care of lot in cemetery	\$100.00
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TAXES BID IN.

Collectors sale of Frank E. Owens place, 1916 taxes	\$36.10
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PAYMENTS ON TEMPORARY LOANS.

Newmarket National Bank, note	\$500.00
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INTEREST.

Paid H. S. Pike, interest on note to Jan. 31, 1918	\$50.14
G. H. Tarlton, interest on note, Jan. 31,	
1918	25.83
E. C. Patridge, interest on note to Jan. 31,	
1918	15.00
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	\$90.97

PAYMENT TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS

Schools, money raised	\$1,805.00
Dog tax	22.40
Literary fund from state	61.20
School fund from state	407.50
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	\$2,296.10
State tax	544.00
County tax	567.61
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	\$3,407.71

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

STATE AID MAINTENANCE.

REPORT OF J. S. GRAY.

Paid J. S. Gray	\$56.25
George Murphy	9.00
Charles E. Quinn	36.00
Leroy P. Otis	32.00
C. S. Dixon, team	72.50
William Davis	25.00
Charles Jones	21.00

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Paid C. A. Pollard, team	\$35.00
C. A. Pollard, gravel	36.30
Charles Davis	1.00
Charles Lamie	1.00
E. F. Gray, team	12.00
James Herney	6.00
C. E. Lyons	4.00
H. T. Taplin, gravel	3.00
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	\$350.05

STATE AID CONSTRUCTION.

Report of J. S. Gray.

Paid J. S. Gray	\$56.25
C. E. Lyons	41.00
John Lynch	43.00
Clarence Thompson	34.00
Geo. Nixon, team	107.50
C. S. Dixon, team	102.50
C. E. Quinn	43.00
James Herney	9.00
Charles Jones	24.00
L. P. Otis	34.00
H. T. Taplin, gravel	43.95
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	\$538.20

Report of J. S. Gray, Highway Agent, District No. 1.

Paid J. S. Gray	\$92.50
Frank Sampson	2.50
P. R. Bean, team	6.25
Leroy P. Otis	39.00
E. F. Gray	16.50
J. E. Robinson	20.00

Paid John Griffin, supplies	\$1.10
D. J. Brady, sharpening tools.....	2.10
C. S. Dixon, team.....	35.00
Charles Davis	11.00
George Murphy	16.00
J. Towle	3.00
Charles Jones	15.50
C. E. Lyons	9.00
C. E. Quinn.....	9.50
Geo. Nixon, team	13.75
H. G. Atwood, team.....	14.16
J. D. Lynch	3.50
Clarence Thompson	5.50
H. T. Taplin, gravel	5.65
A. H. Barney	5.48

\$326.99

Winter Work.

Paid R. S. Pike	\$4.00
Charles Corson	6.00
J. S. Gray	33.25
L. P. Otis	9.00
E. F. Gray, team.....	18.50
P. R. Bean, team.....	15.00
C. S. Dixon, team.....	8.15
T. Cranshaw	4.50
Geo. Kendall	2.00
A. B. Otis	6.00
Charles Quinn	1.00
H. G. Atwood, team.....	8.00
J. E. Robinson	2.50
John Clark	4.00
Charles Davis	2.00

\$123.90

Report of Frank P. Neal, Highway Agent, District No. 2.

Paid F. P. Neal, winter work, 1917.....	\$11.95
Atwell Otis, summer work.....	45.00
Charles Davis	3.75
Walter Davis	5.00
Frank Sampson	5.00
Frank Otis	5.00
C. A. Pollard, team.....	10.00
F. P. Neal, team.....	15.00
Arthur Seiders	4.50
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	\$105.20

Report of O. C. Bean, Highway Agent, District No. 3.

Paid Everett L. Bean, winter work, 1917.....	\$20.10
O. C. Bean	81.00
O. C. Bean, gravel.....	12.75
George Johnson	24.00
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	\$137.85

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS.

CEMETERY FUND.

Receipts.

May	3	Fowler fund	\$3.50
		Allen fund	3.50
		Rider Beal fund.....	1.17
June	2	Walker fund	17.50
Nov.	24	Fowler fund	3.50
		Allen fund	3.50
		Rider Beal fund.....	1.75
Dec.	1	Walker fund	17.50
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			\$51.92

Expenditures.

June	11	D. R. Smith.....	\$1.50
	8	C. J. O'Leary, Jr.....	9.00
	27	D. J. Lynch.....	15.00
Aug.	15	H. O. Smith.....	3.50
Nov.	22	J. O. Hanson.....	1.25
Dec.	15	D. J. Lynch.....	20.00
			<u>\$50.25</u>
Receipts			\$51.92
Expenditures			<u>50.25</u>
Balance			\$1.67

BRODHEAD LIBRARY FUND.

Receipts.

May	3	Interest	\$175.00
Nov.	24	Interest	175.00
			<u>\$350.00</u>

Expenditures.

May	29	Sears, Roebuck & Co.....	\$94.50
Sept.	13	DeWolfe, Fiske & Co.....	54.70
Nov.	24	Mary H. Mifflin.....	48.40
		DeWolfe, Fiske & Co.....	73.90
Jan.	31	DeWolfe, Fiske & Co.....	59.53
			<u>\$331.03</u>
Receipts			\$350.00
Expenditures			<u>331.03</u>
Balance			\$18.97

FRANK P. NEAL.
 CHRISTOPHER J. O'LEARY.
 DANIEL J. LYNCH.

BRODHEAD LIBRARY FUND, ESTABLISHED 1901.

John M. Brodhead donor. Fund created for the purchase of books. Invested in Newmarket town bonds; amount of principal, \$10,000; rate of interest, $3\frac{1}{2}\%$.

WALKER FUND, ESTABLISHED 1887.

William L. Walker donor. Fund created for perpetual care of Walker lot in Locust Grove cemetery. Invested in city of Newton, Mass., bond; amount of principal, \$1,000; rate of interest, $3\frac{1}{2}\%$.

FOWLER FUND, ESTABLISHED 1903.

Green C. Fowler donor. Fund created to perpetuate care of Fowler lot in Locust Grove cemetery. Amount of principal, \$200; deposited in Portsmouth Trust & Guarantee Co.; rate of interest, $3\frac{1}{2}\%$.

ALLEN FUND, ESTABLISHED IN 1911.

Joseph Allen, donor. Fund created to perpetuate care of Allen lot in Locust Grove cemetery. Amount of principal \$200, deposited in Portsmouth Trust & Guarantee Co. Rate of interest $3\frac{1}{2}\%$.

RIDER FUND, ESTABLISHED IN 1916.

Carrie Dearborn and Sarah Rider donors. Fund created to perpetuate care of Rider lot in Locust Grove cemetery. Amount of principal \$100, deposited in Portsmouth Trust & Guarantee Co. Rate of interest $3\frac{1}{2}\%$.

PALMER FUND, ESTABLISHED IN 1917.

Charles W. Palmer, donor. Fund created to perpetuate care of Palmer lot in Locust Grove cemetery. Amount of principal \$100, invested in Liberty Bond. Rate of interest 4%, deposited in box Portsmouth Trust Co.

This is to certify that I have examined the accounts of the selectmen, tax collector, treasurer and trustees of trust funds of the town of Newfields for the year ending January 31, 1918, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched for.

HERBERT W. SMITH,
Auditor.

Newfields, N. H., February 12, 1918.

LIBRARY REPORT.

The twenty-fourth annual report of Newfields Public library.

Number of volumes in library February 1, 1917, 4,510; number of volumes added during the year, not including state reports, 255; number of volumes in library February 1, 1918, 4,765.

Received history of Hampton Falls in exchange for history of Newfields. Received from the state, Laws of the State of New Hampshire passed by the January session, 1917; Laws of New Hampshire Second Constitutional period, Vol. 6, 1792-1801; New Hampshire Bank report, 1917; New Hampshire Secretary of State report, 1917. The W. C. T. U. presented one magazine, the Patriot; Newfields Book club, the Scientific American for 1917 with other magazines.

Circulation during the year of books and magazines, 7,124; average circulation per week, 137; percentage of fiction taken, 65; other classes, 35.

New borrowers' cards issued, 25.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Unexpended balance from last year	\$0.65
Received from Old Corner Book Store, Springfield, Mass., for one history of Newfields....	2.50
Postage on same10
Received for fines	7.02
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	\$10.27
 Paid P. O. box rent for 1 year.....	 \$0.60
Stationery	1.50
Gaylord Bros., library supplies,	4.80
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	\$6.90
Five books	2.28
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	9.18
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Balance	\$1.09

The Encyclopaedia Britannica has been added during the year.

During the week, September 24 to 30, the people of Newfields very generously contributed \$25.15 to the fund for War Camp libraries.

PERIODICALS FOR 1918.

American Boy
 Atlantic Monthly
 Century
 Country Gentleman
 Current Opinion
 Garden Magazine
 Harper's Monthly
 House Beautiful
 Illustrated London News
 " Ladies' Home Journal

Little Folks
 National Geographic
 Outlook
 Popular Mechanics
 St. Nicholas
 Woman's Home Companion
 World's Work
 Youth's Companion
 Exeter News-Letter

EDNA A. H. PAUL,
Librarian.

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

In the death of Dr. Albert H. Varney the board of library trustees has lost a kind and interested member, who, although restricted by increasing infirmities from as much active participation in library affairs as in earlier years, was unfailingly ready to give prompt attention and wise counsel in all matters submitted to him.

That our public library is esteemed by the townspeople a valuable institution is evidenced by the large extent to which they avail themselves of its benefits.

Mrs. Paul has continued her faithful and efficient service this year, and it is as a mark of appreciation of such service rather than with a thought that the increase of salary which could be made would afford an adequate recompense for the service rendered that all the trustees have been strongly of the opinion that the salary should be double the amount which has previously been paid, now that the number of books has become so large.

By reference to the report of last year it will be seen that there remained in the hands of the town an accumulated unexpended balance of the Brodhead fund to the

amount of	\$399.02
Income from the fund for the current year..	350.00
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	\$749.02
Expenditures chargeable to said fund.....	382.84
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Unexpended balance	\$366.18

BESSIE O. POLLARD,
HARRIET A. PAUL,
Library Trustees.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD. .

The annual meeting of the school district was held March 17, 1917, in the primary school building. The following officers were elected: Herbert W. Smith, moderator; Bert P. Doe, clerk; J. E. Fowler, treasurer; Harry G. Atwood, auditor; Alice J. Patridge, member of school board for three years.

The school board organized as follows: Alfred Conner, chairman; Alice J. Patridge, Clerk.

As the fiscal year ends August 31 the complete report cannot be issued until your next meeting. Following is the report of your superintendent.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

To the School Board of Newfields:

It is with pleasure that I submit to you my third annual report. It is with still greater pleasure that I look back over the past three years and recall my association with you and the cordial support that I have always received in Newfields.

CHANGE IN FISCAL YEAR.

At the last session of the legislature the following amendment was passed:

"The fiscal year of town and special school districts beginning February 16, 1917, shall end August 31, 1918, and thereafter the fiscal and the scholastic year shall end August 31, annually."

The passage of this amendment brings to every school district in New Hampshire the necessity of providing in some way for the change of fiscal year. Last March funds were appropriated to carry the schools to the end of the winter term only. This leaves the spring term and any repairs made during the summer unprovided for. There are several ways in which to provide for the change.

(1) To consider the amount needed to finish the extended school year as a deficit and raise a sufficient amount to cover this "deficit" in addition to an appropriation to cover the year beginning September 1, 1918, and ending August 31, 1919. While it would be an advantage to adopt the new year as soon as possible, the burden for this next year would be a heavy one. Moreover, it is practically impossible for us to say now how much money will be needed to finish the year ending August 31, 1919.

(2) To appropriate a sufficient amount to cover the "deficit" and next year's school needs, but raise by taxation only so much as is likely to be needed to carry the schools to the end of the winter term in March, 1919.

THE SCHOOLS.

So far as teachers and equipment are concerned, Newfields has two good schools. In every respect there has been a steady gain during the past year. Perhaps the most noticeable change is in the general attitude of the pupils toward school and toward one another. There is still room for improvement, but the gain is gratifying.

Grammar School.—All school people are agreed as to the advantage of retaining a strong teacher during a number of years. This is Miss Pollard's third year in this school, and the results of her excellent work are evident. State Superintendent Morrison inspected the school thoroughly last year and expressed great satisfaction with the "work shop" plan of government adopted and developed by Miss Pollard.

Primary School.—Miss Rita Hazelton, like Miss Scammon who exerted a strong and refining influence on this school last year, is a graduate of the Wheelock Training School, Boston. She has continued successfully the work of her predecessor and classmate. With her winning personality, her devotion to the children and their interests in school and out, and her capacity for work, she gives promise of being an unusually strong teacher.

Both Miss Pollard and Miss Hazelton attended the summer session at the Keene Normal School last year, and both are planning to do summer work again this year. Such professional activity on the part of teachers can not be too highly commended.

THE BUILDING.

I wish to express to the Board my appreciation of the improved appearance of the interior of the school. Instead of two unattractive rooms with grimy woodwork and dingy white walls, we now have two really beautiful rooms with freshly-painted woodwork and walls of a restful gray-green tint. Such changes react on the general tone of a school. Nothing is more helpful than active interest on the part of School Board and parents in the appearance of the schoolhouse. If the grown-ups seem to care for education the children will do likewise. If, on the other hand, their elders think that "anything is good enough for a school," there is little chance of interesting the children.

I should like to suggest one or two other comparatively inexpensive changes that would be of benefit. At present both rooms are lighted on three sides, with the strongest light coming from the rear. When children are studying their bodies cast a shadow on their books. Their hands and pencils or pens also cast a trying shadow on their paper when they are writing. The strongest light should come from the left. There should be no windows on the right or in front of the pupils. By giving the desks and seats a quarter-turn to the left and cutting off the light from the windows that would then be in front, the arrangement would be in accordance with scientific principles and the children's sight would be protected.

The inside shutters now in use should be discarded, and adjustable roller shades of a light color provided. The shutters when open cover valuable space on the blackboards. It is impossible to close the upper parts without covering half the lower sash. The noise occasioned by opening and closing the shutters causes confusion. They catch the dust and are unsanitary and unsatisfactory in every way.

The blackboards of the primary room are too high for children of the first two grades. On three sides of the room the steampipes make it unsafe for the smaller children to try to reach up to the boards. Furthermore, the board space in this room is not adequate for a primary school. I suggest that the board on the inside wall be continued to the door and be so placed that the lower edge may be eighteen inches from the floor.

MEDICAL INSPECTION.

It is impossible to express in figures the value of medical inspection. Even if the examining physician does not spend many hours in the schools in the course of a year, the fact that we can legally call upon him for authority and advice is of great assistance.

The following is a summary of his report:

DEFECTS.	Gammar School.		Primary School.	
	1916-1917	1917-1918	1916-1917	1917-1918
Anaemia .....	..	1	..	1
Malnutrition .....	..	..	1	..
Skin Disease .....	..	1	1	1
Defective Teeth	10	4	16	9
Hypertrophied Tonsils .	10	3	5	6
Adenoids .....	..	..	2	..
Parasites in Hair	1	5	7	7
Defective Vision	6	1	1	..
Granulated Eyelids	1	..	..	..
	—	—	—	—
Total	28	15	33	24

No. of children examined: 1916-1917, 61; 1917-1918, 60.

No. of children with defects: 1916-1917, 46; 1917-1918, 29.

Per cent with defects: 1916-1917, 75.41; 1917-1918, 48.33:

HOME GARDENS.

Every boy and girl in the state, from the first grade through the high school, is asked to have a garden this year. The slogan is, "Wanted: 30,000 gardens and \$100,000 worth of food!"

This is a definite call, and all parents and teachers are asked to direct and supervise this difficult, but urgent, undertaking. If the plan can be carried through successfully, it will not only bring about an increase of food production, but will also provide an opportunity for valuable first-hand nature study, for better acquaintance between parents and teachers, and for greater loyalty to our country.

IN CONCLUSION.

There are many contributing factors in the maintenance of a good school. Well trained and devoted teachers, sanitary school buildings, and co-operation on the part of parents, school officers, teachers and pupils are absolute essentials.

There has never been a time in our history when education was so much needed as it is now and as it will be in the days of reconstruction after the war. We must be very sure that we allow nothing to handicap the intelligence and producing power of the rising generation. This means that we must make every effort to improve our schools.

Respectfully submitted,

MARO S. BROOKS,

*Superintendent of Exeter, Newfields, Hampton
Falls, and Kensington.*

EXETER, N. H., February 1, 1918.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

1916-1917.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Fall Term—Catherine Barron, James Gray, Theresa Lamie, Edith Leighton, Sadie Pease, Grace Smith, Ruth Smith.

Winter Term—Edith Leighton, Ruth Smith.

Spring Term—Edith Leighton, Ruth Smith.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Fall Term—George Dick, Leo Dick, Arthur Pease, Ernest Pease, Howard Pease, Willie Pease, Earl Smith.

Winter Term—Russell Howard, Ernest Pease.

Spring Term—Francis Donovan, Joseph Donovan, Arthur Pease, Howard Pease, Gannett Richards, Dewey Sheltry.

STATISTICAL TABLE—Report for the Year Ending July 15, 1917.

Schools	Teachers	Total Number Enrolled	Boys	Girls	Average Attendance	Average Membership	Per cent. of Attendance	Cases of Tardiness	Not Absent or Tardy	Visits by School Board	Visits by Superintendent	Other Visits	Number of Weeks	Monthly Wages
Grammar	Miss Pollard	32	12	20	28.07	28.09	92.81	12	2	5	28	40	35.2	48.
Primary	Miss Seamon	35	25	10	29.32	31.61	92.76	19	1	8	28	46	36	40.
Averages							92.78						35.6	44.
Totals		67	37	30	55.39	59.07		31	3	13	56	86		

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Of Newfields, N. H.

DR.

To amount on hand February 15, 1917.....	\$528.28
Received from town:	
Money by law	480.00
Extra money	635.00
For tuitions	500.00
For books	125.00
For school board officers	65.00
State aid, literary fund	61.20
Average attendance	160.20
Qualified teachers	72.00
Tuition rebate	75.30
Superintendent's salary	100.00
Dog tax	22.40
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	\$2,824.38

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF NEWFIELDS, N. H.

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Teachers.

Paid Mary I. Pollard	\$446.50
Marianna Scammon	170.00
Reta M. Haselton	204.00
Mrs. Gilbert French	27.50
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	\$848.00

NEWFIELDS

Officers.

Paid Maro S. Brooks, superintendent, to February 1, 1918.....	\$180.00	
Alfred Conner, member of school board	15.00	
C. A. Pollard, member of school board	15.00	
Alice J. Patridge, member of school board	15.00	
James E. Fowler, treasurer ...	10.00	
H. W. Smith, moderator	2.00	
Bert P. Doe, clerk of school meeting	2.00	
	<hr/>	\$239.00

Tuitions.

Paid Robinson seminary	\$569.00	
Exeter high school	357.00	
Dover high school	20.00	
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Fuel.

Paid Daniel R. Smith, coal	\$19.00	
A. E. McReel Co., coal	44.41	
E. F. Gray, coal and wood.....	68.25	
F. P. Neal, wood	22.00	
C. A. Pollard Co., teaming	5.80	
J. E. Robinson, sawing wood ..	8.00	
J. E. Fowler, throwing in and piling wood	2.00	
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Supplies.

Paid James A. Spead	\$0.35	
Hillard & Kimball	1.00	
Mary I. Pollard40	
Atkinson, Mentzer & Co.....	1.57	
Exeter school district	1.30	
J. E. Fowler .....	.90	
J. H. Hamlet & Co.	7.50	
Edward E. Babb & Co.	30.36	
Kenney Bros. & Wolkins	12.16	
Milton Bradley Co.	1.35	
Frank H. Lamson	1.75	
Charles Scribner's Sons	2.96	
Scott, Foresman & Co.....	4.03	
Houghton, Mifflin Co.	3.17	
	<hr/>	\$68.80

Repairs.

Paid J. E. Fowler,.....	\$16.26	
Thomas Cronshaw, painting...	73.74	
Joseph O. Hanson, painting...	54.37	
Frank E. Batchelder, plastering,	2.44	
Geo. E. Brown	5.83	
Augustus Young, paint and stock	45.96	
Hillard & Kimball, pulp plaster,	.90	
Exeter Lumber Co., lumber..	4.60	
	<hr/>	204.10

Janitor.

Paid J. E. Fowler	95.00
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Transportation.

Paid R. W. Varrill	\$54.00	
Harvey Moulton, car fare.....	25.20	
	<hr/>	79.20

Miscellaneous.

Paid Baker Agency, bonding treasurer	\$3.00	
J. E. Robinson, labor	4.00	
J. D. Lynch, removing ashes...	1.00	
Anne H. Wilkinson, account of insurance	42.50	
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		\$50.50
Cash on hand		124.32
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		\$2,824.38

JAMES E. FOWLER,
Treasurer.

February, 1918.

SCHOOL WARRANT.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the Inhabitants of the School District in Town of Newfields, qualified to Vote in District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the primary school house in said district, on the sixteenth day of March, 1918, at 7.30 o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary District Officers for the coming year.

2. To choose a member of the school board for the ensuing three years.

3. To hear the report of all officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

4. To see how much money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools.

5. To transact all other business which may properly come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Newfields, this eleventh day of February, 1918.

ALFRED CONNER,
CHRISTOPHER A. POLLARD,
ALICE J. PATRIDGE,
School Board of Newfields.

Births Registered in the Town of Newfields, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1917

Date	Name of Child	Color	No. of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
June 15	Beatrice M.	W	3	Charles A. Davis.	Mabel Clark.	Epping.	Newmarket.
Aug. 7	Walter.	W	5	Edgar F. Gray.	Bertha Thompson.	No. Woodstock. ...	Bridge-water, Me.
Aug. 7	William F.	W	2	William A. Summerfield.	Annie Kendall.	Germany.	Newfields.
Nov. 29	Carrie L.	W	4	Fred Crimmings.	Lillian G. Shaw.	Durham.	Boston, Mass.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ALBERT C. THOMPSON, Town Clerk.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Newfields, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1917

Date	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Bride and Groom	Age	Color	Place of Birth	Name of Father and Maiden Name of Mother	Name, Official Station and Residence of Person by Whom Married
May 20	Portsmouth.....	Albert C. Thompson.....	24	All White	Newfields.....	George K. Thompson.....	Ernest L. Guptill Justice of the Peace Portsmouth
July 6	Amesbury, Mass.....	Selina E. Simpson.....	29		Canada.....	Mary E. Butler.....	Rev. Charles M. Tibbetts Amesbury, Mass.
		Earl A. Coney.....	21		Berwick, Me.....	John S. Macdonald.....	
Nov. 6	Newmarket.....	Esther N. French.....	22		Exeter.....	Margaret I. Maclean.....	Rev. James H. Reilly Newmarket
		Alfred Lanie.....	27		Lee.....	Pierre Lanie.....	
		Rosanna Lefevre.....	27		Newmarket.....	Lea Gauthier.....	
Dec. 2	Dover.....	Arthur D. Thompson.....	27		Newfields.....	Napoleon Lefevre.....	Arthur W. Quimby Justice of the Peace Dover
		Pauline L. Brunn.....	22		Exeter.....	Exilia Laubert.....	
						George H. Thompson.....	
						Mary E. Butler.....	
						William Brunn.....	
						Pauline Mitchell.....	

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.
ALBERT C. THOMPSON, Town Clerk.

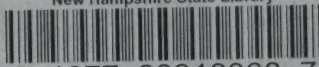
Deaths Registered in the Town of Newfields, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1917

Date	Name of Deceased	Age			Place of Birth	Color	Single, Married or Widowed	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
		Years	Months	Days					
Feb. 3	Catherine York	76	5	23	Franconia	All White	W	James Fadden	Emily Bowles
Feb. 10	F. Valerie Kendall	25	3	12	Brentwood		S	Geo. W. Kendall	Mabel B. Taylor
May 28	Hannah A. Varney	88	..	15	Rochester		M	Joel Howard	Sally Nutter
May 30	E. Gertrude Gray	46	5	17	Brentwood		M	Augustus D. Lyford	Julia A. Davis
June 6	Margaret F. Marden	50	3	2	Rye		S	Frank Marden	Julia Perdenille
June 29	Everett L. B. an	31	2	13	Brentwood		M	Oscar C. Bean	Annie L. Locke
July 3	Hattie Smith	61	1	17	Exeter		M	Charles M. Flood	Louise Clay
July 12	Hannah W. Foss	84	5	4	No. Hampton		W	Joseph Odion	Eliza Nooton
July 17	Alma J. Reynolds	75	9	10	pping		W	True Osgood	May Webb
Oct. 25	Fred H. Neal	..	..	..	..		..	John Mendum	Adeline Thompson
April 4	Annie Thompson	33	11	3	..		..	..	..

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ALBERT C. THOMPSON, Town Clerk.

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